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**CALLS UNITY LEAGUE DANGEROUS AS KLAN**

Hastings, Sponsoring Bill Aimed at Ku Klux, Decries Counter Movements.

**STRATON TALKS FIGHT**

Weapons Would Be Kind Words to Those Looked On as Pariahs.

**OLD PREACHERS BLAMED**

Calvary Pastor Says 'Lame Ducks' of Pulpit Back Klan to Escape Work.

According to John A. Hastings, State Senator-elect, the American Unity League, which has come to New York from Chicago to dispute the right of way with the Ku Klux Klan, is just as dangerous to the public interest as the Klan. Mr. Hastings is the sponsor of a bill about to be introduced into the State Legislature and aimed to cripple the Klan by making it file with the Secretary of State all the names of the citizens of the invisible Empire living in this State.

Yesterday Mr. Hastings issued a statement, which in part follows: "At the risk of being misunderstood by some people, I would like to register my opinion that American public interests are as greatly endangered by such organizations as the American Unity League, now appearing in New York as the enemy of the Ku Klux Klan, as they could be by the Ku Klux Klan itself.

"I am opposed to the Ku Klux Klan simply because it is the most cowardly band of bigots and assassins that ever bid for public favor in this country. But the organization of counter-movements in sections where it could not gain a foothold under any circumstances will not eliminate its influence in other sections. In fact, I believe the organization of such movements will not only keep the Klan alive and solidify its forces but also perpetuate the fires of organized internal strife and hatred in this country."

**Straton's Talk Is a Surprise.**

The Rev. Dr. John Roach Straton disappointed a large gathering in Calvary Church last night by not saying what many of them thought he might say on his topic, "How to Fight the Negroes, the Foreigners, the Catholics and the Jews—the More Excellent Way." Dr. Straton had nothing but the kindest words for all these races and nationalities. In part, he said: "The race problem will never be solved by the bad negro on the one hand and the mean white man on the other. Thank God, these characters are neither really typical of the classes which they are sometimes supposed to represent. The vast majority of negroes are quiet, peaceable, industrious, law-abiding people, who ask only to be left alone and to get a chance to demonstrate what they can do individually and as a race. Likewise, the vast majority of white people like them and are kindly disposed toward them.

"What the white people have done for the negroes in the matter of education and in other ways proves that. And the time has come when these better elements in both races must take charge of the situation and control it, rather than to leave longer the direction of affairs to the few negroes who are viciously inclined and who will become easy tools for the Bolshevists and the few whites who purpose to rule by setting up a superhuman power of terrorization and vengeance.

"I am informed that the Ku Klux Klan is badly tied up with the courts down at its headquarters in the courts. Speaking as a Southerner, so far as that section is concerned, I wish to say I do not believe that the Klan movement represents the better thought of the South.

"So far as I have been able to see, the Klan in the South and West seems to be largely under the domination and leadership of a lot of 'lame duck' preachers. They play out in the ministry, and then instead of selling insurance or peddling chums, as they did in former times, they devote their time and talents to 'saving the country' by organizing men into secret disguised societies and dressing them up in night-gowns and dunces caps.

"No; the better judgment of the South is not for the Ku Klux Klan, and what we need to do in the present hour in the South and everywhere else is to apply yet more fully the principles of true Americanism and the spirit of Jesus Christ to the race problem. We need to recreate and audaciously cultivate the spirit of good will and right understanding and mutual helpfulness rather than to fan the embers of prejudice, persecution and racial rancor and hate. Whatever the final outcome is, no permanently wise and righteous solution can be found until there is a right spirit within both races."

Sees a Bar to Prosecutions.

Walter Nelles, counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, issued a statement saying that it was the opinion of the union that any wholesale prosecution of Klansmen as such would be a prosecution of ideas and not of acts and therefore un-American in principle.

Efforts to locate the Rev. Dr. William J. Mahoney and E. D. Smith at the Hotel Pennsylvania yesterday revealed evidence that somewhere in the city a honk of Klan Klads was under way. Dr. Mahoney is the Imperial Klizard of the Invisible Empire, Smith is the Klug Klange in this State. They are both registered at the Pennsylvania, but whoever answered the telephone in the room supposed to be occupied by the Imperial Klizard said in a sepulchral voice: "There is no Mahoney here, brother." From Smith's room came a voice saying: "We know nothing about the Ku Klux Klan here."

**OLIVER CASE NOT SETTLED.**  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10.—The Foreign Office today denied that the case of the Oliver Trading Company of New York against the Mexican Government was in process of settlement. No action in this direction had been taken.

**ELECTION PESSIMIST PAYS DINNER BET TO AL SMITH**

Charles F. Murphy, Norman E. Mack and Other Celebrities Sit Down at Expense of Man Who Couldn't See Victory.

Last summer it didn't appear to Julius Keller, proprietor of the Canoe House, Inn at Hopton Plaza, L. I., that Al Smith had one chance in a hundred of being elected Governor. He insisted, moreover, that Smith would not carry New York City by as large a plurality as Mayor Hylan got a year ago. He said that if Smith rolled up a larger vote than Hylan did, he would give him and his friends a few meals and a night's lodging at the expense of the house. The Governor-elect and a party of his political associates were there yesterday and ate the season's choicest foods.

Those in the Governor's party were Charles F. Murphy, Norman E. Mack, Justice Robert F. Wagner of the Supreme Court, Surrogate James Foley, James W. Fleming, Mayor of Syracuse; Justice-elect John E. McKeen of the City Court, Senator James J. Walker, Assemblyman Charles D. Donohue, Philip

F. Donohue, Judge Joseph F. Moss, John McCooney, John H. Delaney, Henry Snyder, Charles P. Meyers, Nicholas J. Hayes and James A. Early, Town Clerk of Southampton.

The party left New York Saturday afternoon, some by motor and others, including Mr. Smith and Mr. Murphy, by train, arriving at the inn in time for dinner. The Governor-elect went to the Church of the Sacred Heart at Southampton, six miles away, yesterday morning and attended services.

In the afternoon most of the party played golf on the links of the Shinnecock Golf Club, not far from the inn. Mr. Smith and Surrogate Foley played a foursome against Justice Wagner and Senator Walker and won it, after leading the other team throughout by a good margin.

The party returned to New York last night.

**SCHAEFER BREWERY PREPARES FOR BEER**

Follows Ruppert Lead and Asks Indefinite Extension of Charter.

That some of the leading brewers of the country hope for the early return of beer having an alcoholic content of 2.75 per cent. or more was indicated yesterday for the second time within the last two weeks. The F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company, Kont avenue and Tenth street, Brooklyn, one of the oldest and largest lager beer brewing concerns in the country, announced that it had applied for indefinite extension of its charter, which is about to expire.

"This company, like most others, is anticipating the return of beer having an alcoholic content of at least 2.75 per cent. alcohol," said William H. Hirst, attorney for the New York State Brewers Association and counsel for the Schaefer firm, last night, in explaining the request for a new charter.

Two weeks ago Col. Jacob Ruppert, in filing papers asking that the capitalization of his company be increased from \$100,000 to \$15,000,000, said that he and other brewers were making preparations for the return of old time beer. He predicted that real beer would probably be back by next spring, or as soon as Congress can modify the Volstead act after meeting next year.

"The F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company now controls the output of seven other brewers in the metropolitan district through a plan of consolidation," Mr. Hirst said last night. "These plants were given up because the owners found them unprofitable, but they probably will be turned back as soon as the manufacture of real beer is permitted.

"Most of the brewers in this country feel confident that the manufacture and sale of real beer will be permitted again in the near future through a modification of the Volstead act," Mr. Hirst continued.

"There are many reports that bootleggers are the great enemies of a move for light wine and beer. It is not hard to see why they would be, for such a modification of the Volstead act undoubtedly would hurt their business. Once people had something milder, hard liquors would be less tempting."

**ANDERSON THREATENS SMITH'S 1924 BOOM**

Says He Will Spread Wet Record Broadcast.

William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New York, delivered an address yesterday afternoon at the West Side Y. M. C. A. West Fifty-seventh street, in which he threatened Governor-elect Alfred E. Smith's stand on the prohibition question, which showed, he asserted, "valuable subservience to the saloon."

Smith, United States Senator, Washington, Senator Calder, State Senator James J. Walker and numerous others were criticized by Mr. Anderson, and but two names were held up as those of men of honor who had been "tricked" by wet Democrats and treacherous Republicans. The two were Gov. Miller and former Gov. Whitman.

Anderson told those who attended the Sunday afternoon meeting that the League would never have been elected but for false issues and the "treachery of the Republicans in New York State and in the city who sold out an enforcement Governor for a wet Senator, who was not even elected." He characterized the Republican politicians as "unbelievably stupid, unaccountably corrupt, and treacherous," especially with regard to the prohibition question. The Anti-Saloon League, he said, intends to spread Smith's record broadcast throughout the nation, to "make certain that he never reaches the Presidency."

**TIERNAN, RECONCILED, HERE WITH FIRST WIFE**

Former Notre Dame Man Would Annul Second Marriage

John P. Tiernan, formerly professor at Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, Ind., who is staying with his first wife and three children in this city, gave out a statement last night through his brother, Peter Tiernan, Assistant Corporation Counsel, who lives at 112 Boyd street, Stapleton, Staten Island. The statement said: "The unpleasant notoriety published over my domestic affairs has caused me great distress and has somewhat unnerved me, but with a few weeks of rest I expect to take up the practice of my profession and to live a life of happiness with my wife, Augusta, and three children. Our reconciliation has been complete. My attorney in Indiana has been directed to consent to the continuance of divorce proceedings and all other proceedings now pending. An action to annul the second marriage will be instituted by me immediately. I am prepared to meet any insanity proceedings that may be instituted."

**WHISKY LAUNCH CAPTURED.**  
250 Cases Seized as Fugitives Set Boat Adrift.

A gasoline launch with 250 cases of whisky aboard was captured by Capt. Tilton of the Sandy Hook Coast Guard station yesterday after a five mile chase. The two occupants of the boat, Ted Gaskin of Long Branch, and Richard Rogers of Wildwood, seeing Capt. Tilton in pursuit, cut off in a small drift and sent the launch adrift. Both men were arrested.

**WILD NEW KLONDIKE LURES BOOTLEGGER**

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State and province police and revenue officials have no method of cooperation. Take a typical case which came to light here a day or two ago. A \$4,000 car was stolen in a village just north of Utica. The owner notified the police and waited. After three days he began making inquiries in other cities and found the theft had not even been reported. A friend who had been a bootlegger and retired with a comfortable fortune gave the owner a tip that the car probably had been taken to Canada. The owner employed a member of a well known gang to help make the search and started for the border.

After spending several days in this vicinity the gangman who was steering the search reported to the owner that for \$100 paid to a local bootlegger the car could be found. The money was paid. The car was found hidden under straw in a barn ten miles from this village. And the barn was arranged for scenic effect. The doors were propped as if the barn were abandoned, but there was a secret entrance, and when the carefully arranged props were pulled away the old car was found parked very easily on pulleys. In that instance the owner was able to recover his car and take it back home, and his loss was confined to his payments to the bootlegger.

The Canadian Government is not interested in recovering stolen cars. The revenue officials say frankly it is no concern of theirs whether or no cars are stolen. Their interest is only in seizing cars on which the duty has not been paid, regardless of who may be the owner. The King's law provides that in case a car has been brought across the border without payment of duty, which is one-half the appraised value, it can be seized for unlawful entry.

**Informers Gets Rakeoff.**

The law provides further that when a car is seized and sold one-half of the price obtained goes to the Government, one-quarter to the revenue agent who made the seizure and one-quarter to the informer, whoever he may be, on whose tip the car was seized.

Because of these provisions the officials in this province naturally are more interested in seizing a car which has been smuggled into the country without payment of duty than in recovering stolen cars to be returned to their rightful owners in the States.

One of the things of which the bootleggers complain most bitterly is that their own cars are seized and sold to the Government. They feel that the trade and will tip the officials to get the reward offered. The tipster is protected by the Government.

After the car has been confiscated by the Government, the smuggler's property is his own. He cannot recover it except by paying the price fixed by the Government, plus the duty. After confiscation nothing can compel the Crown to return the property except the payment of the price fixed by the Government appraiser. If the automobile is sold for \$1,000 the Government receives \$500, the revenue officer who made the seizure \$250, and the informer who tipped the officer \$250.

**Swindler Gets Insurance.**

Occasionally there is the man who drives his own machine into Canada, sells it, and then comes back and burgles home to report the theft of the car. If he gets away with it he recovers the insurance on the car.

After seizure here the Government officials advise what the car is being but that advertising is placed usually in a small local paper. The owner of the car in Syracuse, Albany or New York would have no chance of knowing about the advertisement. The situation is being improved slightly, however, as the insurance companies and automobile associations have recognized the development of the traffic in stolen cars, and are sending agents and detectives here every week to carry on the search for long lists of stolen motors.

The farmers along the back roads, not the main highways and especially down close to the border, are making good money out of this combination of two businesses. The hayloft or the barn is the headquarters of the bootlegger. It is also the place for the stolen car. It is also the best place for loading the liquor which is to go back. When the American bootlegger drives his stolen car to the farm designated as the meeting place with the Canadian bootlegger he gets rid of the car and takes his load of whisky in the second car, driven by his helper. The farmer gets his both ways—he has a fee for storing the liquor and for hiding the automobile. But he also takes a big risk, for if he is discovered harboring smuggled property the penalty is heavy. The bootlegger, however, is not so much concerned with the fate of the car as he is with the liquor.

**MOTOR INJURES THREE.**

Strikes Mother and Children on Their Way to Church.

Mrs. Maria Sax, 45, of 113 Holland avenue, Mariners Harbor, Staten Island, and her two children, Ruth, 9, and John, 11, were knocked down and hurt seriously last night by an automobile as they were walking in Richmond avenue near Vedder street, Grantville, Staten Island, on their way to church. They were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, West Brighton, where it was said that Mrs. Sax had suffered concussion of the brain and other injuries, and that the two children had been cut and bruised seriously and probably injured internally.

The driver of the automobile, George Glessner, of 39 Madison street, Guttenberg, N. J., was arrested, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated.

**200 TUG CAPTAINS THREATEN A STRIKE**

Give Railroads Five Days to Wind Up Business With Lighter Companies.

**SETTLEMENT HOPED FOR**

Conference Between Masters and Longshoremen's Union Is Fruitless.

Railroads got five days of grace from harbor lighter captains yesterday to wind up what business they are doing with five lighterage companies which refused to renew an agreement with the Lighter Captains Association. This conclusion was reached after a four hour conference at 164 Eleventh avenue between seven captains representing the association and Joseph Ryan, vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association, with which the masters are affiliated. Captains employed by the five non-agreeing concerns will go on strike at the end of the five day period, announcement being made, two hundred captains being involved.

Mr. Ryan said the lighters placed on the "unfair" list are not used in coal traffic and that a walkout would not affect the fuel situation. All lighterage concerns doing business in New York harbor, he added, have renewed their agreement with the Lighter Captains Association except five, who mostly serve railroads. Railroads were notified, he explained, to give them time to engage lighters from other companies.

Railroad officials professed ignorance last night of the threatened trouble. Railroads do most of their own lighterage, it was brought out, and go to outside companies only in emergencies. Doubt was expressed that as many as 200 lighters could be involved under the conditions. Such a number was far in excess of the minority Mr. Ryan implied, according to an official.

That the names of the five companies were not made public and that the captains' committee further announced notice of the strike would be duly sent them today were taken to indicate that the disputants might not prove so apart as they seemed. Five days was reasonable time to allow for negotiations and an eventual getting together, the official observed.

**WIFE FINDS POLICEMAN SHOT AFTER A QUARREL**

Dying With Pistol Beside Him—Was Late for Dinner.

Mrs. Grover Wolf, wife of a policeman attached to the Orange, N. J., police station, living at 121 Commerce street, Orange, yesterday found her husband with a bullet wound in the left breast, near the heart. His service pistol lay beside him. Wolf was sent to the Orange Memorial Hospital, where it was said that he probably would die.

Mrs. Wolf told the Orange police that her husband went out early yesterday afternoon with their four-year-old daughter and kept the child out for several hours. He was late for dinner, and his wife reprimanded him for being late and for keeping the baby out so long in the cold weather. She went into another room, but ran back into the living room when she heard the shot, to find that her husband had been wounded. The shooting occurred about 6:30 o'clock, shortly before Wolf was to have reported for duty at the Orange station.

**PARALYZED SCULPTOR WOULD BE LET ALONE**

Gelett Spends His Birthday in Home for Aged.

Johannes Sophus Gelett, once a recognized sculptor of Europe and America, feeble, his right arm paralyzed, spent his seventieth birthday at the Denmark Home for the Aged, 1951 Forty-first street, Brooklyn, yesterday. All he asked was to be let alone as completely as an unappreciative world had let him alone so long.

"I wish you would excuse me," he said bitterly to inquirers. "Newspaper men, they cannot write intelligently about art. Art critics neither. They do not know beans. Three times I won gold medals, but got no commissions for the medal winning pieces. I will not talk. My studio is at 11 East Fourteenth street, Manhattan. My work is there. Go see."

**HYLAN AND THOMPSON FAIL TO HOLD PARLEY**

Mayor Coming Home To-day; Conference Probably Off.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Mayor John F. Hylan of New York, weekending in Chicago, spent today resting and denied himself to visitors. His political confidant, William W. Harrison, Hale Thompson, failed to materialize. The New York Mayor leaves for home tomorrow morning, and it is probable the conference will not be held.

**Bronx Board to Celebrate.**

Tsade Organization to Give Luncheon Next Thursday.

The Bronx Board of Trade will give a Christmas luncheon next Thursday at the Hotel Commodore. Committee chairman L. Craig will be the principal speaker. A number of Bronx officials will attend. Preparations have been made for 300 covers.

The luncheon committee consists of J. Wynne Jones, chairman; A. M. Dickson, Roderick Stephens, Albert Behning, Edward R. Koch, William A. Root, Edward W. Raap and George W. Markey.

**FALL BREAKS BOY'S SKULL.**

Tumbles Over Banister While Walking Up Stairs.

A fall of two stories over a banister last night fractured the skull of Daniel Werner, 9 years old, of 4008 Third avenue, the Bronx. The boy was taken to Fordham Hospital, where physicians said his condition was serious.

Young Werner was climbing the stairway to his home on the fourth floor when he looked over the banister at the lighted hall below, lost his balance and fell to the first landing. Tenants of the apartment house summoned Patrolman Reddy of the Tremont station, who called an ambulance.

**TRAVELLUST KEEPS YOUTH ON 'L TRAIN**

Matthew Fleming, 9, Rides Up and Down for Nearly Three Days.

**FASCINATED BY VIEW**

School Teacher Finally Calls Attention of Police to the Wanderer.

There had been a general alarm out for Matthew Fleming, the 9-year-old son of Matthew Fleming of 327 West Fifth street, since last Friday at noon, but Miss Genevieve Dougine, a school teacher, did not know that when she saw Matthew sitting in a corner of a Sixth avenue elevated train at Jerome avenue and 167th street last night at 9 o'clock. But she did think that Matthew was an extraordinarily dirty little boy, and she began to talk to him. When he betrayed no inclination to enlarge his acquaintance to include her she looked at a package that he had and found it was school books.

She found his name in the books and asked him what he was doing. He answered that he was just riding around. "Just seen" things," he said. "I seen lots of things now."

But Matthew would give no further information of himself. Miss Dougine felt certain something was wrong, however, and when she got off the train she telephoned Police Headquarters and described the boy, and headquarters looked in the records and found that a general alarm was out. So the Interborough Rapid Transit was telephoned, and at South Ferry a guard stepped into the train, confiscated Matthew and his books and took both to headquarters. And there the story came out.

It appears that Matthew is a chronic runaway and possessed of a desire to travel on something, anything that has wheels. During the last two years he has run away twenty-five times and always has been caught riding a train or a trolley car. Friday morning when he started to school his father, who is a laundry man, gave him an address and told him to stop there and collect a bill of \$3. Matthew collected it, but he did not come home at noon. Knowing his son, the father immediately asked the police to send out a general alarm and request police of nearby towns to watch out for Mike.

This the police did, but they got no trace of Mike, for the very good reason that, during Friday afternoon, all of Saturday and most of Sunday Mike never got off the Sixth avenue elevated but twice. He boarded a train right after he had collected the bill, and he rode until Miss Dougine saw him, back and forth, up and down the line from South Ferry to 167th street. Saturday night he left the elevated alone for a moment while he spent some of his father's money for food and yesterday morning he did the same, but all the rest of the time the little boy sat in a corner of the train satisfying his desire for travel.

Matthew said that he rode all day, but that he never traveled at night. When people in the flats alongside the road, the lights of which he found very fascinating, went to bed, then Matthew went to bed. He got off a train and hid in some corner of the station, where he slept until daybreak, when he resumed his travels.

**SAYS BUSINESS WOMEN CAN BE GOOD MOTHERS**

Dr. Grant Replies to Author of 'This Freedom.'

The Rev. Percy Stodney Grant, D. D., of the Church of the Ascension, Fifth avenue and Tenth street, talked of married women and careers in his sermon yesterday morning. His sermon was based on "This Freedom," A. S. M. Hutchinson's novel, in which the author pictures disaster in the lives of the children of his heroine, a talented woman who chose to continue her career after marriage.

Dr. Grant said he had not read the novel, but he scoffed at the idea that the children of business or artistic mothers do not turn out well. A good business woman, he declared, can also be a successful mother, and he added that he knew of many instances where business women have children who are exceptions to the fictional examples chosen by the author.

Dr. Grant said girls who can marry only with the prospect of continuing in business careers should do so rather than remain single. He said he knew of many cases where children have turned out badly even with good home training.

**TWO FACE TRIAL TO-DAY FOR BRUNEN MURDER**

Wife of Showman and Her Brother Accused.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. MOUNT HOLLY, N. J., Dec. 10.—Mrs. Doris Brunen and her brother, Harry C. Mohr, will go on trial in Supreme Court here tomorrow for the murder of John T. Brunen, husband of Mrs. Brunen, a showman and carnival proprietor. While Brunen was sitting in the kitchen of his home on the night of last March 10 some one killed him with a shotgun.

Charles A. Powell, an employee of a circus owned by Brunen, is alleged to have made an affidavit that Mohr offered him \$1,000 if he would kill Brunen, and the arrest of Mohr followed.

**HENDRIK HUDSON STONE DEDICATED IN CHURCH**

Intercession Vicar Blesses Memorial of Voyage.

The Rev. Milo H. Gates, vicar of the Chapel of the Intercession, 155th street and Broadway, dedicated a stone yesterday afternoon to the memory of Hendrik Hudson. The stone was taken from St. Etheldburga's Church in London, where Hudson and his crew took communion the Sunday previous to sailing on their voyage which ended in the discovery of the Hudson River. It has been placed on the altar of the Chapel of the Intercession.

**FIREMEN RESCUE FIVE AS CHURCH ROOF FALLS**

Blaze Fighters Penned in Bel-fry Get Comrades' Aid.

Winstons, Conn., Dec. 10.—Fire to-day wrecked the Trinity Methodist Church here, causing damage estimated at \$15,000. A new pipe organ, a memorial to the late Chaplain William B. Cornish of the United States Army, was burned and part of the roof was destroyed. Five firemen were trapped in the belfry of the church when part of the roof fell, but were rescued by their comrades.

The fire was discovered by the sexton, who said he believed it had started in soft coal stored in the cellar.

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